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SUBJ: U.S. ARMS SALES TO MOROCCO - LOCAL PRESS TREATMENT

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1. PRESS REACTION SUBSEQUENT TO THAT REPORTED REFTELS HAS BEEN LIMITED. BRIEF FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE APPEARED IN LEFT OPPOSITION AL MOUHARRIR MARCH 3 ENTITLED "HAS THE U.S. ASKED MOROCCO NOT TO USE AMERICAN ARMS AGAINST THE SO-CALLED POLISARIO?" ARTICLE, QUOTING BBC, REFERRED TO DEP ASST SECY VELIOTES' HIRC TESTIMONY OF MARCH 1 THAT THE USE OF U.S. MILITARY EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE OF MOROCCO WAS A BREACH OF THE 1960 AGREEMENT.

2. PRO-GOVERNMENT AL MAGHRIB MARCH 5 CARRIED INSIDE PAGE REVIEW OF THE WEEK NOTING FEBRUARY 28 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE, ADMINISTRATION'S DENIAL THAT "U.S. HAD INDEFINITELY POSTPONED" THE ARMS SALE TO MOROCCO, AND HOSTILITY OF SOME CONGRESSMEN TO THE SALE. AL MAGHRIB CONCLUDED THAT DETAILS NOW BEING AWAITED ON DEPARTMENTAL TESTIMONY TO CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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3. PLEASE SEND SOONEST BY TELEGRAM TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WHICH FOLLOWED VELIOTES' HIRC STATEMENT TRANSMITTED STATE 052784. ACCORDING TO VOA CORRESPONDENT'S REPORT IN MARCH 2 ENGLISH AND ARABIC WIRELESS FILES, VELIOTES CONFIRMED UNDER QUESTIONING THAT "THE MOROCCAN GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE MOROCCO'S TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THE U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT." WE EXPECT

FURTHER QUESTIONS FROM OUR MOROCCAN CONTACTS PARTICULARLY ON THIS
POINT AND NEED AUTHORITATIVE READOUT. TO HELP US PUT
HEARINGS INTO PROPER CONTEXT FOR GOM, WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE
KNOWING WHETHER THEY WERE ROUTINE HEARINGS ON SECURITY ASSISTANCE
LEGISLATION SIMILAR TO THOSE FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, OR AD HOC
FOLLOW-UP TO SPECIAL HEARINGS OF LAST OCTOBER.
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